

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

June 5, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

City of Fairfax Regional Library (Conference Room 103)

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to order and welcome**

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair member Alice Lippert at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member, Acting Vice Chair	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Absent
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Absent
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Acting Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
High School Liaison	Katie Lau	Present
Guest	Valerie Morgan	Present
Guest	Fiona Davies	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present

**2. Consideration of the May 1, 2019 meeting minutes**

Alice moved to amend the meeting minutes to revise the attendance list. Judy moved to adopt the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Mark and carried unanimously.

**3. Finalize FY19 ESC budget**

The ESC discussed how to spend the remaining FY19 funding. The following purchases were approved:

- 2019 Resilient Virginia Conference, July 18-19 (For Judy)
- Blue Ridge PRISM's Summer Invasive Plant Workshop at Ivy Creek Natural Area, June 10 (For Judy)
- Tree Steward Symposium 2019, June 13 (For Val)
- Tree City USA Bulletins
- Donations to Earth Sangha and Friends of Accotink Creek

#### **4. Reschedule chair and vice-chair elections**

Alice motioned to reschedule the chair and vice-chair elections to the ESC's September meeting, which was seconded by Judy and carried unanimously.

#### **5. ESC retreat discussion**

An ESC retreat will be scheduled later this summer. The retreat will help ESC members create clarity about the committee's roles, responsibilities and priorities. Staff will be in touch when more information is available.

#### **6. Development review**

- WaWa: Mark provided a brief summary of the project to the ESC. Judy voted for the committee to review the project, which was seconded by Mark and passed unanimously. The ESC identified Mark Chandler to be the ESC Development Review Lead for the project.

#### **7. Councilmember requests**

The ESC discussed requests for guidance and support from Councilmember Passey and Councilmember Stehle. Councilmember Passey requested guidance from the committee regarding how to address some of the current solid waste and recycling challenges facing the City and the region as a whole. Councilmember Stehle requested that the ESC to provide recommendations/support for activities or events to celebrate Chesapeake Bay Week next year.

The ESC plans to invite Councilmembers Passey and Stehle to future meetings to get more details from them and to learn how they'd like the ESC to get involved.

#### **8. Event update and lessons learned**

The Tour De Solar event (May 11<sup>th</sup>), Solarize NOVA Information Session (May 15<sup>th</sup>), and Bike to Work Day event (May 17<sup>th</sup>) went well. There was a great turn out for each event and they went smoothly.

The 2019 Fall Festival will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The ESC appointed Judy Fraser to be the ESC Fall Festival Lead. Tim, Michael, Alice and Toby also agreed to man the booth for the Fall Festival.

#### **9. Chairperson's Items**

Alice proposed setting up a field trip for the ESC to visit Dominion's LED light demonstration at their Fairfax City Office (11133 Fairfax Blvd). The demonstration area is open from 9AM-9:30PM

through September and 9AM-6:30PM from October-March. More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.dominionenergy.com/LED-demo>

#### **10. Committee/Student Representative Items**

None

#### **11. Staff items**

- FY20 Fairfax City Budget Update: Stefanie highlighted some of the sustainability related budget items which were approved in the FY20 budget.
  1. Membership Dues
    1. Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association (VEPGA) \$600
    2. Virginia Energy Efficiency Council (VAEEC) \$250
  2. \$8,000 Recycling Education
  3. \$12,800 Composting Center
  4. \$20,000 Urban Forest Management Plan: This plan is intended to identify the City's goals and priorities for managing its trees and forests; analyze the current status of the city's urban forest resources and its management program; and to identify the methods, resources and personnel that are needed to achieve the City's goals.
  5. \$110,000: LED streetlight conversion capital project: This Project is scheduled to invest funds over a five-year period (total budget of \$550,000) by converting more than 2,600 electric streetlights to LED technology. Once completed, the conversion is projected to reduce the City's yearly carbon footprint by 800 metric tons of CO2 while reducing the City's energy bills by an estimated \$100,000 annually.

#### **12. Public comments**

None

#### **13. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is July 11th, 2019 @ 7 p.m. at the Blenheim Center.

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